

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the specification as follows:

On Page 19, line 15, please make the following change:

For the transformation of 3-nitrobenzonitrile **11** into 3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2-(3-nitrophenyl)-pyrimidine **12** was conducted using a procedure described in European Patent Application ~~0225725 A1~~ 0225726 A1 for 4-nitrobenzonitrile; incorporated herein by reference. 3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2-(3-nitrophenyl)-pyrimidine **12** was protected using Boc₂O, carried out in DCM at room temperature in the presence of DMAP as a catalyst to yield Boc-protected compound **13**, which was then reduced to intermediate **2**.

On Page 30, line 26, please make the following change:

Intermediate **2** was prepared as shown in Scheme 3. For the transformation of 3-nitrobenzonitrile **11** into 3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2-(3-nitrophenyl)-pyrimidine **12** (25% yield), a procedure described in European Patent Application ~~0225725 A1~~ 0225726 A1 (incorporated herein by reference) for 4-nitrobenzonitrile was used. 3-nitrobenzonitrile **11** (21 grams), sodium (0.32 grams, 0.1 equiv), diaminopropane (12 ml) and 190 ml of anhydrous ethanol was used. 3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2-(3-nitrophenyl)-pyrimidine **12** (30 grams) was protected using Boc₂O (di-tert-butyl dicarbonate) (38 grams; 1.2 equiv), carried out in DCM (1.4 ml) at room temperature in the presence of DMAP (4-dimethylaminopyridine) (0.9 grams; 0.05 equiv) as a catalyst to yield Boc-protected compound **13** (76% yield). The nitro group of compound **13** (21 grams) was reduced with a hydrazine hydrate (13.4 ml; 4.0 equiv) /Raney Ni (25 grams) system in 350 ml of ethanol at 50-75°C for about 30 minutes, which afforded Intermediate **2** in a 47% yield.